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SUBJECT: INTERVIEWS WITH BRANDT AND SCHEEL ON EAST/WEST
RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

SUMMARY; THIS MESSAGE COVERS THE MAIN POINTS MADE IN
RECENT INTERVIEWS BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND FOREIGN
MINISTER SCHEEL ON THE TROOP ISSUE AND THE US/SOVIET
ATOMIC AGREEMENT, EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, CSCE, MBFR
AND NUCLEAR COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

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1. US TROOP ISSUE AND ATOMIC PACT. CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND FONMIN SCHEEL HAVE UTILIZED SERIES OF RECENT INTERVIEWS TO REAFFIRM THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE US TROOP COMMITMENT AND TO SEEK TO DISPEL SOME GERMAN PRESS SKEPTICISM OVER IMPLICATIONS FOR FRG SECURITY OF THE US/SOVIET AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR.

2. EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. IN THESE INTERVIEWS, BRANDT ALSO HAS STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE "PARTICULAR CONCEPTION OF IMPORTANCE THE FRENCH STILL ATTACH TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY", AND SAYING AN INCREASINGLY INDUSTRIALLY POWERFUL FRANCE HAD NO REASON TO FEAR GERMANY, BRANDT TOLD A BUNTEN ILLUSTRIRTE INTERVIEWER THAT PARIS AND BONN MUST WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A REALITY OUT OF THE EC GOAL OF EUROPEAN UNION.

3. CSCE. BRANDT TOLD WESTFAELISCHEN RUNDSCHAU THAT HE EXPECTED CSCE THIRD PHASE "GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE" TO TAKE PLACE "TOWARD THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR... RATHER THAN, AS SOME EXPECT, AT THE END OF THIS YEAR". THE CHANCELLOR NOTED THAT "A FEW COUNTRIES" HAD ADVOCATED CSCE SUMMIT FINALE, BUT ADDED THAT WHILE THE QUESTION REMAINED OPEN, HE PERSONALLY ASSUMED THE CSCE THIRD PHASE WOULD BE AT THE LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. BOTH BRANDT, AND SCHEEL WITH THE FINNISH MAGAZINE SUOMEN KUVALEHTI, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CSCE WOULD PROVIDE A SUFFICIENT IMPETUS IN THE HUMAN CONTACT AND TRADE FIELDS TO LEAD IN TIME TO FURTHER EAST/WEST RAPPROCHEMENT; SCHEEL SPOKE OF CREATING A "NETWORK OF CONTACTS IN ALL FIELDS AND AT ALL LEVELS". BUT WHILE SAYING SUCH EFFORTS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO ENHANCED EAST/WEST STABILITY, BRANDT AND SCHEEL CAUTIONED AGAINST EXTRAVAGANT EXPECTATIONS OF FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

4. MBFR: DURING JUNE 30 INTERVIEW WITH DER SPIEGEL, SCHEEL SAID IT WAS HARD TO PREDICT WHEN

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THE FIRST US AND SOVIET FORCE REDUCTIONS WOULD OCCUR, BUT ADDED HIS VIEW THAT A DECISION MAY BE TAKEN "IN THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT YEAR WHICH MAY PROVIDE FOR FIXING A TIMETABLE FOR WITHDRAWAL". ON MBFR, SCHEEL ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ASSURE "BALANCE FROM STEP TO STEP-- OTHERWISE IT JUST WON'T WORK". SCHEEL SAID MBFR WAS A PROCESS THAT WOULD INVOLVE "DECADES". AT THE BEGINNING, HE SAID "THERE NEED ONLY BE A BASIC DECISION TAKEN THAT STATIONED AND INDIGENOUS TROOPS SHOULD BE REDUCED".

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5. NUCLEAR COOPERATION. IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE WESTFAELISCHEN RUNDSCHAU, BRANDT ADDED NUANCE TO PUBLIC

POSITION ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION REPORTED IN BONN 10481;
BRANDT AFFIRMED THAT HE COULD ONLY IMAGINE A EUROPEAN
NUCLEAR FORCE IN THE FUTURE, ONCE A EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT
EXISTED. BUT THE CHANCELLOR ADDED: QUOTE I WOULD
EVEN LIKE IT BETTER IF,...AS A RESULT OF SERIOUS
DISARMAMENT MEASURES, IT NO LONGER WOULD BE NECESSARY
FOR A UNITED EUROPE TO DISPOSE OF ITS OWN NUCLEAR
FORCE...HOWEVER, I CANNOT EXCLUDE THAT THE WORLD MAY
DEVELOP RATHER MORE UNFAVORABLY THAN WOULD CORRESPOND
WITH THIS ATTITUDE. END QUOTE.

6. SCHEEL ALSO WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT POSSIBLE NUCLEAR
COOPERATION IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH DER SPIEGEL. THE
MINISTER SAID "IT WOULD BE AN ILLUSION TO ASSUME THAT
THE BRITISH AND FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCES COULD SIMPLY BE
AMALGAMATED". NOTING BRANDT'S STATEMENTS THAT ONLY A
EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT COULD PROPERLY CONTROL A EUROPEAN
NUCLEAR FORCE, SCHEEL CAUTIONED THAT "DEFENSE POLICY
WILL BE THE LAST THING TO BE EUROPEANIZED". THE
FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED: QUOTE EUROPE HARDLY WOULD
EVER BE ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH THE GIGANTIC US/SOVIET
TECHNOLOGICAL LEAD. AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGING
SITUATION, EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE AT ROOTING AMERICAN
PRESENCE (IN EUROPE) DEEPER BY MEANS OF MUTUALLY
COMMITTING STATEMENT. END QUOTE.
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